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COOPER TELLS OF OUR NEEDS

Many Laws Which Would Help Hawaii.

SHOWS NECESSITY FOR FIELD LABOR

S. M. Damon Discusses Coinage. Boyd Invites Commission to Inspect Public Domain.

It is work and work hard with the members of the Senatorial Commission now, and beginning this morning sessions will be longer and full of meat. The commission has now got its plans rather well under way, and the witnesses who are permitted to appear and give testimony will have their statements well sifted.

The first hearing to be accorded this morning at 9:30 o'clock will be that of L. E. Pinkham, representing the Builders and Traders' Exchange, which presented to the commission a memorial, which will be taken up in its entirety. The Chamber of Commerce will follow, as the commission will avail itself of the proffer of assistance by the officers of the trade organizations of the city. This was announced at a meeting informal in its character which was held at the Hawaiian hotel at noon yesterday. The three Senators were met there by Messrs. W. G. Irwin, C. M. Cooke, W. W. Dimond, W. W. Harris, Cecil Brown, J. B. Atherton, F. A. Schaefer, J. P. Cooke, H. A. Isenberg, F. M. Swanzy, and J. G. Spencer. They were introduced to the Senators by William Haywood and spent some time in conversation, proffering their services. The commission promised to avail themselves of the offer.

Yesterday's hearing was one full of importance for during it there was presented by Secretary Cooper a full statement of the needs of the Territory, which will be supplemented by a letter on the various subjects. Governor Dole made a short but pregnant statement, and later in the day A. S. Humphreys argued against the existing order, which drew from the chairman the statement that he hoped that the attorney general would appear and make a statement as to points touched upon. E. S. Boyd also completed his statement.

When the commission opened its session there were in attendance a number of citizens, but the first time was given to Governor Dole. As soon as Chairman Mitchell began he explained the commission was ready to hear the Governor and that official arose.

"I have here a letter which I have written for the information of the Commission," said the Governor. "It is not very long for the principal reason that I did not expect that I would be called upon to take the initiative." He then read the following letter:

Executive Chamber,
Territory of Hawaii,
Honolulu, Sept. 9th, 1902.
The Honorable John H. Mitchell, Chairman, sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Pacific Islands, etc., Honolulu, T. H.:

Sir:—It is with great satisfaction that I have received your letter on behalf of the sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico, commissioned to investigate the general condition of the Islands of Hawaii and the administration of the affairs thereof, inviting me to confer with the committee upon the general question of legislation in the interest of the people and government of the Territory of Hawaii.

I feel that the presence of your committee in these Islands for the purpose of investigating matters relating to this subject cannot fail in the acquisition of information to be laid before Congress, of resulting in important benefits to the Territory.

The subject of the administration of our public lands is one of extreme importance to the inhabitants of this Territory, inasmuch as the present system and policy having developed gradually in accordance with local conditions and the topography of the country, and the public having become accustomed to its methods, radical changes should not be introduced without assured benefits corresponding with the probable expense and disturbance of such innovations.

I shall make it my duty to lay before your committee all possible information that may aid it in reaching a full understanding of this subject in all its bearings.

I would further call your attention to

the following matters, the investigation of which would probably be of benefit to the Hawaiian community:

Hawaiian coins now in circulation; the Kohala ditch scheme; payment of the claims awarded by the Fire Claims Commission; insufficiency of the territorial revenues for carrying on the public business; the necessity of the establishment of a bureau of forestry, to be administered upon scientific principles; the need of a Federal building in Honolulu for the accommodation of the Federal Court, the postoffice and internal revenue officers; the question of the introduction of Chinese laborers for limited periods and for the performance of agricultural labor only, and protection of sea fisheries.

Pardon this very brief statement. Not knowing the methods your committee would adopt in making its investigations, the government of the Territory had refrained from the initiative but holds itself in readiness to respond to the plans of your committee and to aid it in all possible ways.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) SANFORD B. DOLE,
SECRETARY COOPER'S POINTS.

As the Governor made no oral comments Secretary Cooper was examined next being sworn and presenting his testimony at length and at times illustrating his points by the use of maps and being assisted also by Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Marston Campbell. He began with the statement that the lighthouses of the Territory were here under its control, which was not the case in any other portion of the United States. Senator Foster wanted to know if any member of the Lighthouse Board had visited the islands, and was informed that there had been no such inspection, but that the Board and the Secretary of the Treasury had approved all of his suggestions and had recommended his appropriations as he had submitted them. The trouble was that there had been no action by Congress upon these recommendations.

The items of lighthouse appropriations as Mr. Cooper set them forth began with that for Makapuu point, to cost \$10,000, which was needed as through the Molokai channel there passes the commerce of this port with the California coast. At Kahului there is needed a light at the cost of \$20,000, as it would have to be on the reef and would be constructed of concrete. On the Puna coast, at Ala point, one would cost \$10,000. For the use of local commerce a light should be placed at Kailua, Hawaii, at a cost of \$5,000. These had been recommended last year, but there is now the need of a light at the entrance to Honolulu harbor, the present light being of small size and so obscured by recent buildings that it is not picked up until the vessels are coming into the harbor. The proposed light will be of a better quality and in a much different building. There was too an estimate for a tender for the lights which would cost \$125,000. The improvements asked would cost about \$50,000, and the maintenance something above \$500 a month. The department had also recommended a revenue cutter at a cost of \$200,000.

Secretary Cooper then took up the dredging of Honolulu harbor and showed by a map just what would be needed as well as what had been done by the territorial government, at an expense of \$61,000, before the funds ran out. The estimated cost of the dredging was \$200,000. The commission then noted the ownership of the riparian rights and that as the harbor now stands vessels can enter it at night as well as in the day.

Senator Burton wanted to know about Quarantine Island and wanted to see the contract of settlement between the government and the railroad company. Secretary Cooper said he had never had the contract which it turned out was in the possession of the governor. Senator Mitchell introduced the Kailua harbor plan and asked if the Secretary thought the dredging of a channel wise. Cooper said he thought it would be, though he was not informed as to the soundings so as to talk of the cost of such an improvement, but he could say that the bottom in the latter basin was of mud which could be deepened readily. The commission showed some desire to know if this would not give the railroad company great frontage, and asked again if the contract provided who was to dredge the channel.

Taking up Hilo Mr. Cooper suggested the necessity for \$500,000 for a breakwater. He said there should be such an aid to commerce, owing to the open roadstead, and answered Mr. Burton's suggestion that naval officers said everything was safe by telling of a experience with a gale in the harbor when many ships were greatly endangered. Speaking next of the public building situation he said that the purchase of a site for a building here would amount to \$150,000 and that the government had no lands suitable for such purpose. The recommendation for Hilo was for a postoffice, to cost \$16,000, and the commission was shown that the custom house could not well be at the same point, owing to the great distance from the water front. There was some discussion on this point which Mr. Burton dismissed with the remark:

"Oh, that's largely a matter for the Delegate to Congress."

VIEWS ON LABOR.

Secretary Cooper said he had other matters to present, such as the coinage, but was advised to write letters containing them fully, when he mentioned the labor question, and at once the commission wanted information. Mr. Cooper said that this was the most important subject before the commission. He said the need of field labor was great and he thought the best plan was that suggested that there be introduced an amount of unskilled labor for the plantations, men who when they ceased to perform such service should be sent back to their native country. He explained the old system

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REPUBLICANS OF FOURTH DISTRICT NAME A TICKET

Representatives Chosen by Large Vote by an Enthusiastic Convention.

REPRESENTATIVES, FOURTH DISTRICT—Jonah Kumulae, William Aylett, Carlos A. Long, A. G. M. Robertson, S. F. Chillingworth, Frank Andrade.

In a session which was full of enthusiasm, the Fourth District committee of the Republican party, last evening at Castle & Cooke's hall, nominated the ticket for representatives. There was no feeling but that of pure Republicanism and the sentiments expressed by the delegates were those of devotion to the party.

When Chairman Cooke called the convention to order the roll call showed fifty-one members present out of fifty-five in the body. A communication from the Portuguese Political Club was read. The special committee acceded to the conditions imposed by the District committee and presented for nomination the following names: J. M. Camara, M. A. Silva, M. C. Pacheco, A. G. Correa and J. M. Vivas. The committee especially recommended the naming of Camara.

When the letter had been translated Chairman Cooke said that before action was taken the committee should have before it a letter from the Portuguese Republican Club. There was applause and when the resolutions which approved the Republican platform and then asked that Frank Andrade be placed on the ticket were read there was more applause.

James Nott, Jr., moved that the communications be received and placed on file which was adopted, and this cleared the decks for action.

Capt. Nahora Hipa got the floor first and said that before the committee proceeded to vote on candidates he would move that the ticket consist of three Hawaiians and three foreigners. J. H. Craig said that he was opposed to the drawing of race lines, every one present being American citizens. He thought there should be every one.

Nahora Hipa said every one was an American but he considered half-Hawaiians are white people because one of their parents was white. He thought there should be three real Hawaiians. If four or five white candi-

dates were put up there would be much kicking, while if three Hawaiians and three white men were named there would be good feeling on every side. He said he was for harmony.

Nott said that he understood that the Hawaiians had been holding conferences and they had agreed that they would be satisfied with two Hawaiians in the Fourth. It was explained that this was when the understanding was that M. P. Robinson was to be the nominee for the Senate.

J. H. Craig then moved a substitute that there be no declaration until all nominations had been made. Hipa again took the floor and made in Hawaiian his former speech in English. He extended his remarks at length explaining how necessary it was to have a ticket that would appeal to the voters at the polls. The substitute motion was carried and immediately Craig moved that when the committee adjourn it go into executive session, explaining that an attack had been made on a member in an evening paper, which also carried.

Chairman Cooke then declared that nominations were in order and on motion it was decided that nominations be made by precincts beginning with the first precinct. W. C. Roe for the first precinct opened the ball with six names submitting the following list: Robertson, Brooks, Aylett, Kumulae, Andrade, Lucas, Wilson from the second added to the list C. A. Long and Craig that of W. W. Harris. Gedge from the fourth precinct added the name of S. F. Chillingworth. Roe put up the name of Atkinson and upon representations from the fourth precinct withdrew Robertson. This made nine candidates for the nominations.

There was some discussion over the name of Robertson and Richard Ivers, declaring that the party owed it to Robertson at least to give him the chance to decline to make the race, therefore renewed the nomination which was allowed to stand making ten candidates.

H. C. Pfleger moved a ten minutes' recess for caucus but Gilman got in a motion for adjournment which was voted down, after which the recess was had and caucusing was indulged to the limit.

The balloting proceeded quietly and

REGATTA PROGRAM

Events Which Will Mark the Close of the Month.

The Regatta Day Committee has arranged a tentative program for the day's events, and it will be submitted for approval and perhaps for amendment. The program is as follows:

- 1—6-oared sliding seat barge. Freshmen.
- 2—6-oared gig. Stationary seats.
- 3—6-oared sliding seat barge. Senior.
- 4—First-class yachts.
- 5—Second-class yachts.
- 6—Third-class yachts.
- 7—Fourth-class yachts.
- 8—Fifth-class yachts.
- 9—Tug of war; Japanese fishing boats.
- 10—6-oared sliding seat barge. Junior.
- 11—Japanese fishing boats.
- 12—5-oared whale boat.
- 13—6-paddle canoe.
- 14—6-oared sliding seat barge. Intermediate.
- 15—Steamer boats.
- 16—Sailing canoe.
- 17—Pair oar. (German boats.)
- 18—2-oared shore boats.

The judges' stand will be in same position as last year, the new boat house having been secured for that purpose. Seats for the public will be distributed on the wharf as before. The committee will probably go around town for subscriptions on Wednesday or Thursday, this week, and on their success depends the celebration of Regatta Day.

TOOK OFF HIS NICE LEIS

Passenger Had to Come Ashore and Pay a Bill.

"Let me take my leis off first—I don't want to go up town like this," and an athletic young man, who had just a moment before stood upon the main deck of the Ventura waving adieu to his friends on the dock, started down a staircase leading to his stateroom. He was accompanied by Chester Doyle who held a summons in one hand, and in the other the bright metal of a pair of handcuffs gleamed ominously. While the officer stood in the doorway chatting pleasantly to the young man who became very nervous, the latter removed his wealth of leis and deposited them with an accompaniment of sighs upon his berth.

His reappearance upon the deck without his floral decorations caused some surprise amongst his friends, especially when they discovered him in the company of Chester Doyle. Both came down the gangway together and passed through a gaping crowd. They entered a hack and were driven to a Fort street business house where the proprietor, after some discussion, agreed to let the young man go on his way over the bounding billows on the payment of \$36, which had evidently been forgotten in the hustle and bustle incident to a departure. The money was paid over, the firm bade him a hearty aloha and he returned to the steamer—but alone, and only a few minutes before the vessel sailed. The leis were replaced about his manly form and he was soon engaged in resuming his adieu.

there was no applause until the tellers, G. W. R. King, C. B. Wilson and J. H. Craig, announced that the nominees were: Kumulae, 50; Aylett, 47; Andrade, 43; Long, 39; Robertson, 38; Chillingworth, 31. Other candidates were: Harris, 30; Lucas, 9; Brooks, 8; Atkinson, 8.

Territorial Committee Chairman Crabbe then entered and announced that A. G. M. Robertson had declared that he would not accept the office if selected. Wilson then moved that in the event of the refusal of Robertson to run that the vacancy be filled by the name of W. W. Harris, the next highest man. With shouts of approval the resolution passed. There were cries of "speech" and Aylett was called to the front. He said that the delegates had completed their duty and he thought they had named a ticket which with the help of all working together would be chosen.

Chillingworth said that he endorsed the entire platform of the Republican party and pledged himself at all times to act for the interests of the people and the Territory.

Carlos A. Long declared that he stood on the Republican platform all the way, and that in this campaign the watchword was work. With every Republican in the fight he said he thought there would be success attending the fight and he hoped there would be such a struggle that would result in sending the candidate for delegate to Washington and the nominees of the convention to the legislature.

Kumulae was cheered. He declared that he hoped to see a majority of Republicans in both branches of the Legislature, and that it was the duty of everyone to work for the success of the entire ticket. He pleaded for the dropping of any race feeling and working for the interests of everyone. He declared that the future of the Territory depended upon Republicanism and that the whole ticket must be elected.

Harris was called upon and he said that if Robertson could be persuaded to run that he would do all in his power to secure his election. He said the Republican party stood as a bulwark between the people and the prospects of more depression as that which has come from the Home Rule legislature. He said with work on all hands the Republican party might well have a majority in the coming legislature.

The convention went into executive session and passed a resolution declaring that George B. McClellan had done no more in the matter of unsettling Dr. Burgess than to vote with the majority, and declaring its confidence in him, also denouncing a publication.

There was an adjournment with cheers for the candidates nominated.

FROZEN MEAT FROM THE SOUTH

The Oceanic Company seems to be making its mail contract with the New Zealand government a solid affair for it is now gaining the hearty goodwill of New Zealanders by opening up a cold storage trade between New Zealand and Australia. The cold storage capacities of the Oceanic steamers permit large quantities of New Zealand meat to find its way across to drought stricken, stock-starved Australia. New Zealand would also like to supply Honolulu with its fresh meat.

The New Zealand Herald speaks of the matter in the following way, after declaring that the inter-colonial steamers are not capable of handling the meat transportation problem:

"The only things which can help us in this way are the magnificently equipped vessels of the Oceanic line, which are so thoroughly up-to-date and can offer refrigerating chambers whenever these are required. Upon this sudden call they are coming to the assistance of our exporters as our coasting steamers have been unable to do. The Ventura took away with her last night no less than a thousand carcasses, thus opening up a trade which would have been declared impossible only a few weeks ago—the placing of New Zealand mutton at advantageous prices upon the Sydney meat market. This shipment should be regularly followed for some considerable time by larger consignments. All available refrigerating space has been engaged for the coming trips of the Ventura's sisterships, and it will be noted that the Sierra will take away 2500 carcasses. Our farmers are thus enabled to cater to the Sydney demand and we may anticipate during the ensuing season an unprecedentedly good market for prime mutton and lamb. Thus we have suddenly and graphically brought home to us one of the many advantages arising from being on the trunk route of a great trans-oceanic service, equipped with huge modern steamers, able to meet every commercial emergency, and making that reliable time which is such an important factor in all business transactions. Thanks to the confidence of Mr. J. D. Spreckels in the future of the Pacific trade our farmers have the use of these vessels to the Sydney market where otherwise no mutton could be regularly shipped. And in the near future we may expect to profit by the opening up of a similar trade with Honolulu and 'Frisco. For Honolulu has to import all its meat, and the American growers can hardly supply their home market. The Sydney demand, in the very nature of things, is a transient one, but the Honolulu and 'Frisco demands, once commenced, will be permanent. Auckland Province may profit most directly by this fine service, but the entire colony must also profit by every extension of our export trade. We may hope that these considerations will influence the feelings of Southern members and call a halt in the utterly unreasonable attempt which some of them are persistently making to drive the Oceanic line from Auckland."

TO CALL AT FANNING ISLAND

Oceanic Steamers to Reach Cable Station.

SIERRA THE FIRST TO MAKE CHANGE

May Give Honolulu Important News Quicker Than at Present.

In future the mail steamers of the Oceanic line on their way to this port from Auckland will call at Fanning Island and make a stay there of one hour. The Sierra, which leaves Auckland on September 19th for Honolulu, will be the first steamer to call there.

Some time since Mr. Cuthbert, of the Pacific Cable Board, made a request to Mr. John D. Spreckels that the mail steamers leaving Auckland for Honolulu and San Francisco should call at Fanning Island on their way, either each trip or alternate trips. Mr. Spreckels referred the matter to Messrs. Henderson and Macfarlane, the New Zealand agents for the mail line, requesting them to place the matter before Sir J. G. Ward, Postmaster-General of New Zealand, stating that he was quite agreeable to fall in with the wishes of the Pacific Cable Board if the Postmaster-General gave his approval. This approval was granted and Mr. Spreckels immediately cabled that the Sierra would be the first steamer to call there.

As the British cable will soon be in working order to Fanning Island the Oceanic liners will have an opportunity of picking up important news there and bringing it to Honolulu in about three days less time than it now takes for news to come by steamer from the Coast. Fanning Island is about a half nearer Honolulu than San Francisco.

Mexican Stabs a Porto Rican.

A Porto Rican named Antonio lies in the Queen's Hospital with a knife wound in his left shoulder as the result of slandering a Porto Rican woman last night in a Kakaako tenement. Jose, a Mexican, did the cutting, and up to a late hour this morning had not been apprehended by the police. Antonio visited the tenement and found the Mexican in the company of the woman. According to stories of witnesses Antonio made a slurring remark about the woman's honor which Jose resented, not only by words but with a knife which he whipped out and thrust into the Porto Rican. Only one cut was made after which he disappeared. The police were called for and Officer Mossman went to the house. He found the Porto Rican suffering considerable pain and weak from the loss of blood, and had him removed at once to the hospital for treatment.

Home Rule Ticket.

The tentative ticket of the Democrats, consisting of one senator and four representatives is made up as follows: Prince David for senator; J. O. Carter, C. J. McCarthy, F. H. Harvey and S. M. Damon for the House. As to Mr. Damon it is said he has expressed himself positively as being out of politics. In the event of his not running, it is said that McCarthy will also take a back seat.

The Home Rule ticket is to consist of two senators and eight representatives, according to the fusion agreement. It is said to be as follows: E. Cayless and C. B. Maile for senators; with J. R. Mossman, J. K. Paie, J. P. Makainai and J. H. Mahoe, members of the last legislature, among the nominees for the House.

Republican Committee Meets.

The Republican Territorial committee will meet this evening at headquarters for the purpose of taking up the election of officers, which was deferred from last week. The outlook is that Clarence Crabbe will be the choice for chairman and A. L. C. Atkinson for secretary of the committee.

Gaelic Off Port.

The O. & O. S. S. Gaelic was sighted off Diamond Head by Lookout Peterson at 2 o'clock this morning. The Gaelic comes from San Francisco, en route to the Orient.